



**COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, RULES, ORDINANCES, ORDERS AND
CLAIMS**

NOVEMBER 9, 2009

Minutes

Councilor Michael Bardsley, Chair

Councilor Robert Reckman

Councilor David Narkewicz

Chairman Bardsley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CLAIMS:

- Maronn, Personal Injury Claim of August 20, 2009

Ms. Maronn was in attendance for her claim to be heard. Councilor Bardsley explained that the claim could only be approved if there is evidence that the City knew or should have known about the problem area of sidewalk. City Solicitor Elaine Reall recommends denial of the claim based on the DPW letter which stated that the City had no prior report of the sidewalk defect. Ms. Maronn stated that the sidewalk is still not repaired, with a gap, which could injure someone else. Ms. Reall and Councilor Reckman both stated they would call Ned Huntley, DPW Director about the sidewalk defect.

Councilor Reckman moved to deny, without prejudice, the claim; Councilor Narkewicz seconded. The vote passed unanimously (3-0).

- Truelove, Personal Injury Claim of July 18, 2008

There was no one in attendance for this claim. The Committee discussed the claim with City Solicitor Elaine Reall.

Councilor Reckman moved to deny, without prejudice, the claim; Councilor Narkewicz seconded. The vote passed unanimously (3-0).

- Bowler, Property Damage Claim of September 12, 2009

There was no one in attendance for this claim. The Committee discussed the claim with City Solicitor Elaine Reall. The area is not City property, but is part of the Smith Vocational 100 year lease.

Councilor Reckman moved to deny the claim; Councilor Narkewicz seconded. The vote passed unanimously (3-0).

ORDINANCES:

- Amend 312-67 A keep right sign be installed in the locations listed (Route 9/Look Park) (Referred by City Council June 5, 2008, PENDING)
- Amend 312-112 A One-Way Street sign be installed at the locations listed (Route 9/Look Park) (Referred by City Council June 5, 2008, PENDING)
- Amend 312-113 A yield sign be installed at the locations listed (Route 9/Look Park) (Referred by City Council June 5, 2008, PENDING)

See attached letter received from Ned Huntley, Director of Public Works.

Councilor Narkewicz moved to forward to City Council with approval; Councilor Reckman seconded. The vote passed unanimously (3-0).

- Ordinance - Amend §350-3.4 & Attachment 1:1 Rezone Residential Areas of Watershed Protection (WP) to Special Conservancy and Drop WP in Areas Outside of Floodplain (Referred by City Council July 9, 2009 to Committee on Elections, Rules, Ordinances, Orders and Claims, to Planning Board, and to Economic Development, Housing and Land Use)
CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER 5, 2009

This Ordinance will be continued.

- Amend 312-112 A Portion of Laurel Street Be Established as a One Way Street (Referred by City Council September 17, 2009 to Committee on Elections, Rules, Ordinances, Orders and Claims and ~~Committee on Public Safety~~ Board of Public Works – Board of Public Works approved September 23, 2009)

Councilor Narkewicz moved to forward to City Council with approval; Councilor Reckman seconded. The vote passed unanimously (3-0).

- Amend 312-112 Belmont Avenue One-Way Street (Referred by City Council September 17, 2009 to Committee on Elections, Rules, Ordinances, Orders and Claims and ~~Committee on Public Safety~~ Board of Public Works – Board of Public Works approved September 23, 2009)

Councilor Narkewicz moved to forward to City Council with approval; Councilor Reckman seconded. The vote passed on a vote of 2 Yes, 1 No (Councilor Bardsley voting No).

- Amend §312-110-A Off-Street Parking Areas (Referred by City Council September 17, 2009 to Committee on Elections, Rules, Ordinances, Orders and Claims and Transportation & Parking Commission - Approved by Transportation & Parking Commission October 20, 2009)

Councilor Reckman moved to forward to City Council with approval; Councilor Narkewicz seconded. The vote passed unanimously (3-0).

- Amend §312-64 For Obedience to Traffic Control Signals (Referred by City Council October 15, 2009 to Committee on Elections, Rules, Ordinances, Orders and Claims, Transportation & Parking Commission, and ~~Committee on Public Safety~~ - Approved by Transportation & Parking Commission October 20, 2009)

Councilor Narkewicz moved to forward to City Council with approval; Councilor Reckman seconded. The vote passed unanimously (3-0).

- Amend §312-113 A Stop Sign Be Installed on Laurel Street at Intersection with Grove Street (Referred by City Council October 15, 2009 to Committee on Elections, Rules, Ordinances, Orders and Claims, Transportation & Parking Commission, and ~~Committee on Public Safety~~ - Approved by Transportation & Parking Commission October 20, 2009)

Councilor Narkewicz moved to forward to City Council with approval; Councilor Reckman seconded. The vote passed unanimously (3-0).

Councilor Narkewicz moved approval of the minutes of October 5, 2009; Councilor Reckman seconded. The vote passed unanimously (3-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Amend §312-102 Schedule 1 Parking Prohibited at All Times (Referred by City Council November 5, 2009 to Committee on Elections, Rules, Ordinances, Orders and Claims)

Councilor Narkewicz moved to forward to City Council with approval; Councilor Reckman seconded. The vote passed unanimously (3-0).

At 6:53 p.m., Councilor Bardsley moved to adjourn and was seconded by Councilor Reckman. The vote passed unanimously (3-0).

The next meeting is December 14, 2009 at 6:00 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mary L. Midura
Executive Secretary*



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Edward S. Huntley, P.E.
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November 6, 2009

To: Committee on Elections, Rules, Ordinances, Orders and Claims

From: Ned Huntley, P.E.,
Director, Department of Public Works

Attn: Councilor Michael Bardsley, Chairman
Councilor Robert Reckman
Councilor David Narkewicz

RE: Three Pending Ordinances for the Route 9/Look Park Roundabout Signage

Dear Councilors:

The Northampton Department of Public Works (DPW) is in receipt of a letter dated August 4, 2009 to Mayor Clare Higgins from Neil E. Boudreau, State Traffic Engineer for Massachusetts Highway Department regarding an updated Traffic Control Agreement for the proposed Safety Improvement Project at the North Main Street (Route 9) Roundabout at Look Park. The project was put out to bid on August 28, 2009, and will be opened on December 1, 2009. The DPW would like to ask that the following three pending Ordinances listed on the November 9, 2009 meeting be moved forward for approval:

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Thank-you for the assistance in moving this project forward. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me at the above telephone number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Edward S. Huntley", is written over the printed name.

Ned Huntley, P.E.
Director of Public Works